

The finances of the State cannot be said to be in good condition when the Treasurer has to confess to an overdraft of \$40,000, and admits that even after January another overdraft may be necessary. While we do not wish to see a too plethoric treasury, we think there should always be enough in the hands of the Treasurer to meet the public necessities. The present condition of things is humiliating, and it is to be hoped that the next Legislature in making up its appropriation bill will make ample provision to prevent a repetition of it and provide for all possible contingencies, and so put a stop to this method of borrowing by the Treasurer. It is not lawful.

The Democratic members of the Legislature will not, we feel quite sure, be argued, coaxed or cajoled into holding a caucus. The State convention declined to endorse that held by the East Tennessee Democrats, and all the traditions of the party are opposed to it. The people of the State of Tennessee like nothing so much as fair play and a free and open contest for office. Let us have that in January. Let every candidate for every office in the gift of the Legislature feel sure of a free field and no favors, and there will be no room for caviling, no room to question the fairness and justice of party methods.

SENATOR BLAIR has great faith that his Federal aid to education bill will pass the House this session. Leading Democrats in that branch of the National Legislature, convinced by what George and Vance and Hampton have said in the Senate, are now satisfied that it is a popular and not a partisan measure, because it assures the Southern States especially a help that is much needed in educating the negro. Schools have made the West what it is, and it is schools that we need in the South to make self reliant, energetic and industrious, as well as broad and liberal minded men and women. The schoolhouse is the best sign of civilization, as it is its best and most potent agency.

The Boston Herald rashly ventured, in utter ignorance of the facts, recently to say that "Woman suffrage stands just where it did when the reform began, and makes no practical progress." To this the *Woman's Journal* makes response, and says: "Twenty years ago women could not vote anywhere. Today they have school suffrage in thirteen States, full suffrage in three Territories, and municipal suffrage (single women and widows) throughout England, Scotland, Ontario, Nova Scotia and British Columbia. If woman suffrage continues to remain stationary at the same rate for twenty years more, its advocates ought to be tolerably well satisfied with the state of things at the end of that time."

LORD ALFRED TENNYSON has outlived his usefulness, he has gone beyond his time. His poem received by telegraph and published in the *Appeal* of yesterday is point in proof. The world has progressed too fast for him and there is too much liberty. The distinction between classes is fast fading out and the suffrage conferred upon the plowman and the shepherd is to him a degradation of the ballot. The venerable poet laureate belongs to a class who see with regret that the old-time national costumes, cumbersome though picturesque, are going out of use, thanks to the store-clothes vendor, and that the people, the tolling masses, are availing themselves of public schools for the education that enriches and ennobles the mind. The old dotard is in love with the rotten borough system and all the rest of the infamies by which in England ignorance and vice were perpetuated and a degraded and poverty stricken people were kept in sordid slavery. Poor old poet. He is a warning to all rhymsters, to all who twist and distort language out of the lines of directness and strength into the involvement of jingle. Would it not be a good thing to hang a poet once in a while?

Mrs. HELEN CAMPBELL, a real philanthropist, who has devoted a great deal of time in a generous spirit to a truthful exposition of the condition of the working women of New York, in last Sunday's *Tribune* has an article in which she deals with the most discouraging and pitiful phase of the great labor problem—the condition, namely, of those working women who are incapable of any other industry than sewing, and who toil incessantly to no better purpose than keeping starvation at arm's length. The life of this class seems to be an almost hopeless slavery. Sixteen hours a day for \$3.50 a week. That is their existence. No time for even meals. These must be taken—snatched, rather—standing. When the long, exhausting day is over the women throw themselves upon their wretched pallets and sink into a sleep that is almost a stupor. The instant their eyes open in the morning they must resume work, and this is the routine so long as there is any work to do. Sometimes the supply fails, or the season ends, and then a good many of the workers must starve, for it is not possible for them to save anything out of the pittance they earn. It is the story of the "Song of the Shirt" over again, and, too, in this "land of the free and the home of the brave."

A PASSENGER'S ERROR.

THINKING HE WAS ENTERING THE DEPOT

At Chattanooga, a Man Jumps From the Train While Crossing the Tennessee—He Survives.

(SPECIAL TO THE APPEAL.)

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., December 22.—James O'Neil, an excursionist from Little Rock, Ark., while crossing the Tennessee river at Bridgeport, Ala., last night, thought the train was slowing up in the depot at Chattanooga, and jumped off. Instead of striking the platform, he struck the waters of the Tennessee about sixty feet below. As he fell he uttered a scream, which attracted the train hands, and the train was stopped. O'Neil struck the water feet foremost, and suffered no injury at all. He was taken out of the water about a half mile below, and went back to the train, which was delayed half an hour or more waiting for him. He didn't step off until under the glare of electric lights in the Chattanooga union depot. Prominent citizens on the north side of the river are agitating the question of a private bridge with strong prospects of success. One of the wealthiest of the land owners, who is now absent, has not been seen, but it is believed he will subscribe liberally, which will insure the bridge. Quite a social event occurred to-night at St. Paul's Church, in this city, being the marriage of Mr. Joe M. Stone, a prominent young iron broker, and Miss Anna Hazelhurst, one of the wealthiest and most popular young ladies of this city.

NASHVILLE, TENN.

Huffman, the Negro Preacher, Banished.

(SPECIAL TO THE APPEAL.)

NASHVILLE, TENN., December 22.—The First Colored Baptist Church has at last got on rid of its pastor, R. T. Huffman, who was tried some time ago for seducing one of the unmarried members of the congregation. Last night an attempt was made to lynch him, two shots being fired at him as he left the church. Today he signed an agreement to leave, and it is believed that he has done so. All of the colored people are rejoiced at his overthrow. The Supreme Court has adjourned for the holidays. Huffman only pretended to leave, and is now at his home guarded by an armed body of his friends.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

The "Gazette" Gains Another Libel

(SPECIAL TO THE APPEAL.)

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., December 22.—The Circuit Court, Judge Martin presiding, was engaged today in hearing testimony in the case of Cheneault vs. the Gazette Printing Company, in an action for libel. W. S. Terry and T. E. Gibson defended, while J. B. McLaughlin and Mr. McKinney prosecuted the case. The plaintiff, Cheneault, is an old negro 65 years of age, and lives on the Cantrell farm, five miles below town. The courtroom was crowded with spectators, all anxious to hear the testimony, which from the nature of the case promised unadorned richness. While the outcome was predicted by all who understood the animus that prompted the institution of the suit. Last July the *Gazette* printed a news item stating that Cheneault and one McFarland, both colored, were having a grand deal of trouble in the justice's courts of the city because of the brutal treatment of Cheneault toward McFarland, who had been in the employ of Cheneault. A reporter interviewed McFarland, and from him learned the cause for Cheneault's conduct. The old man was married to a 16 year old wife and that he was jealous of him. Every time he asked for a settlement Cheneault beat him, and growing tired of this he put the matter in the hands of the law and had his persecutor brought before the court. From that statement Mr. McLaughlin, who entered a little affidavit for the *Gazette*, induced Cheneault to bring an action for \$10,000 libel. This he did, and some of the testimony brought out at the trial was richness itself. The defense called Cheneault's wife, also her father and several other important witnesses from all of whom testimony was adduced which place the article complained of in a justifiable light before the jury, which, on the case being given to them, lost no time in rendering a verdict for the defense. This is the second libel the *Gazette* has had for Mr. McLaughlin within the past two months. It still has one in the courts—that of L. Jones, Republican candidate for County Treasurer at the late election in this county, but it is thought this will be settled before the case comes to trial.

HELENA, ARK.

Stockholders Wilson Nuptials.

(SPECIAL TO THE APPEAL.)

HELENA, ARK., December 22.—Mr. Thomas A. Stockholder, a prominent young gentleman of Fort Smith, Ark., and Miss Beulah Wilkes, one of Helena's most popular belles, were married today.

GRAND JUNCTION, TENN.

Champion Stake Declared Off.

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The Delight of Liquid Laxative.

Syrup of Figs is a most agreeable and valuable family remedy, as it is easily taken by old and young, and is prompt and effective in curing habitual constipation and the many ills depending on a weak or inactive condition of the kidneys, liver and bowels. It acts gently, strengthens the organs on which it acts, and awakens them to healthy activity. For sale by H. J. Heister and all leading druggists; Van Vleet & Co., G. W. Jones & Co., W. N. Wilkerson & Co., and S. Macneil & Co. have been appointed wholesale agents at Memphis.

A Woman Smuggler.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., December 22.—William Gibson, a longshoreman, reported to the police today that his wife was receiving stolen goods from the Jersey plains. She had them stored in her house. Last night, he had carried a large clothes basket containing linen lace into the house, and when he endeavored to get possession of the contraband

goods, she resisted him and was assisted by John Gavey, a boarder. They succeeded in escaping from the house with the lace, except three pieces, which they dropped in their flight. These were shown to the authorities. Mrs. Gibson and Gavey were arrested and held for examination. Two daughters of Mrs. Gibson are detained as witnesses.

KNIGHT TRAIN WRECKERS

THE DEFENSE POSTPONING AND COMPLAINING.

The Work of Selecting the Jury Very Difficult—Change of Venue.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., December 22.—In the trial of the Knights of Labor, charged with train wrecking, in the District Court at Wyandotte today, the motion to quash information and plea in abatement against Goers and Leary was not passed upon. The defense asked that they be released, arguing that the killing of the two men was one crime, and by the abatement of the charge of killing Horatio, the defendants would be discharged. The Court refused to grant the release, saying that the prisoners are held by the Justice's order as bound over for trial. The case of Oliver J. Lloyd was called, and the State announced its readiness to proceed. The defense asked a change of venue, on the ground that defendant could not have a fair trial in the county. This was granted, and the case removed to the District Court at Miami county, which meets at Paduca on the first Monday in February. The defense stated the same application would obtain in the case against Newport, but for some reason it was not passed upon today and will probably come up tomorrow. In the afternoon the case against George Hamilton was called. The defendant is a prominent member of the Knights of Labor in his district, and was chairman of the Executive Committee. The State was ready for trial, but the defense wanted ten days continuance to investigate the character of new witnesses. This the Court refused, holding that sufficient time had been granted, and the defense was forced to trial, after noting an exception. The work of selecting a jury then began. Twelve names in the regular panel were called. Eleven men were questioned, but not one had been accepted when the court adjourned for the day. By order of Judge Huffman a special venire of 100 names was issued tonight. The selection of a jury promises to be a tedious undertaking.

BRIEF MENTION.

ALBANY, N. Y., December 22.—It is understood that Gov. Hill will commute Mrs. Bruce's death sentence to imprisonment for life.

NEW ORLEANS, December 22.—A special train from New Orleans to New York, J. Flanagan's steam cotton gin and grist and saw mills were burned today. Loss \$75,000; no insurance.

BUFFALO, N. Y., December 22.—An epidemic of the disease known as "pink eye" prevails among the horses in this city. The street railroad companies have sixteen horses on the sick list.

NEW YORK, December 22.—E. Oliver, a nephew of Oliver K. and Harry Wilkes, who was busy preparing his defense, and as soon as it was ready would probably start for Kansas to meet his trial.

DETROIT, MICH., December 22.—A Chicago special says: The city hall and opera house were burned tonight. The jail in the rear of the city hall contained two prisoners, both of whom were burned to death. Loss \$100,000; no insurance.

MOBILE, ALA., December 22.—Two men, named Louis Pascal and A. Vincente, were arrested yesterday on an order from L. S. Hewitt, a Louisville and Nashville road detective. They are wanted in New Orleans on a charge of robbing a train.

CINCINNATI, December 22.—P. A. Talbot, of Lexington, Ky., has sold to W. H. Wilkins, of Abilene Park, Channahua, Ky., his interest in the business of the city.

LOUISVILLE, KY., December 22.—John Alcock, a Louisville and Nashville road detective, died today, aged 75. Capt. Alcock was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and had been a member of the Grand Army of the Republic for many years.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 22.—A trotting race between Oliver K. and Harry Wilkes for \$5000 a side was arranged this evening between the owners of those horses. The race will take place in this city on April 20, and will be best three in five. The horse of the Wilkes is named "The Wilkes."

LOUISVILLE, KY., December 22.—The meeting of the representatives of railroads and river lines carrying cotton from points south of the Ohio to form a cotton pool, and was held here today, but nothing was agreed upon. The meeting adjourned until January 10th, when the representatives are to meet in St. Louis to again try and form the pool.

NEW YORK, December 22.—A number of the Rev. Dr. McCall's sermons, as they are the published statements asserting that the reverend gentleman had been transferred to another country, were read at the residence of Archbishop Corrigan tonight, and the case was out of the Archbishop's hands and would be settled by the propaganda.

NEW YORK, December 22.—The steamer *Orlando*, from Antwerp, which arrived here today, reports that yesterday, Sunday, at Nantuxent, she passed the sea monster reported by the *Telegraph* and *Times*. It proved to be a dead whale of gigantic size floating about fifteen feet out of water. It had apparently been dead for a long time.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., December 22.—Margaret T. Ivers, known in religion as Mother Mary of St. Bernard, one of the four Sisters of the Good Shepherd, who came to Milwaukee nine years ago and established a reformatory for wayward girls, died last evening after a lingering illness at the age of 47 years. She was originally from St. Paul and later from St. Louis.

NEW YORK, December 22.—The Hon. Joseph Pulitzer, editor of the *World*, entertained at dinner tonight at his residence on East Thirty-sixth street, a party of distinguished Hungarian artists. There were present: Dr. Hill, the Hon. Lavi P. Morton, George W. Childs, Ex-Senator Cooper, Cyrus W. Field, Gen. Carl Schurz, Allen Thorndike Rice, Dr. Clair McKelway, editor of the *Brooklyn Eagle*, Albert Bierstadt, August Belmont, M. Bertier, of Paris, and others. Mr. Munkacsy will return to Europe next week.

Our druggist informs us that Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup sells better than any other cough medicine.

A Prisoner Shot.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 22.—Thomas Connaughton, a watchman, employed in a railway yard, was fatally shot tonight. Constable Rheinhold had placed Connaughton under arrest for a misdemeanor, when the latter knocked the constable down and escaped. Rheinhold fired two shots, neither of which took effect. In a few minutes a third shot was heard, and Connaughton fell with a ball through his body just above the hip. It is believed the fatal shot was fired by Merchant Police Isaac, but he denies the charge, and an official inquiry will be necessary to solve the mystery.

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Funeral at Philadelphia (Pa.) papers please copy.

Remains will be taken to Paducah, Ky., for interment.

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